

Application No.: 10/024,379
Amendment Dated: July 31, 2003
Reply to Office Action of: May 2, 2003

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application, as amended, in view of the following remarks.

The provisional double-patenting rejection of Claims 1-5, 9-12, 20 and 23-36 over Claims 1, 8, 15, 18, 21, 23, and 28 of U.S. 6,355,358 is traversed. The claims of U.S. 6,355,358 do not disclose or suggest that at least 20 parts by weight of components a) and b); and b) and c), respectively, are a monomer unit obtained by reacting **the components set forth in the last two paragraphs of Claims 1, 32, 34 and 35**. Thus, this rejection is believed to be unsustainable and should be withdrawn.

The rejection of Claims 1-32, 34, and 35 under 35 U.S.C. §112, 2nd paragraph, is traversed with regard to the term "molding composition." This term is well known in the art. Applicants note that U.S. 6,355,358 which has been cited by the Examiner also uses "molding composition." See for example col. 12, Claim 1, line 56. Thus, Applicants submit that this term is not indefinite and this rejection should be withdrawn.

The remaining rejections of Claims 1-32, 34 and 35 under 35 U.S.C. §112, 2nd paragraph, are obviated by the amendment of these Claims.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge that **all references** cited in the **Information Disclosure Statement**, filed in the above-identified application on **February 8, 2002**, have been considered. Specifically, the Examiner did not initial Form **reference AP** on Form PTO 1449. For the Examiner's convenience a copy of Form PTO 1449 as filed on **February 8, 2002** is attached herewith.

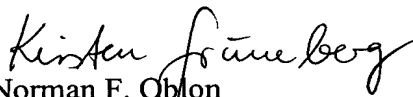
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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge that the references cited in the **Information Disclosure Statement**, filed in the above-identified application on **April 29, 2003**, have been considered. For the Examiner's convenience a copy of Form PTO 1449 as filed on **April 29, 2003**, is attached herewith.

Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance and early notice of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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